FAIR DEAL

All I want for Christmas . . .

MY FRIENDS and relatives have threatened to buy me albums for Christmas, which is great. But I'm worried about what happens if a present turns into a best-selling faulty nightmare. Am I legally allowed to go back to the shop and ask for a replacement, or does the person who bought it need to do that? I wouldn't have the original receipt, after all. — Dave B, Romford.

GOOD POINT. Legally, you don't need to produce a receipt when returning faulty goods to a store, but you do need to know which shop the defective item came from in the first place and having a receipt can certainly help convince doubting shop assistants suffering from post-Christmas hangovers.

The safest course of action could be to opt for record tokens to cut out all round risks.

When giving extremely expensive presents, like stereos, we advise doting rich relatives who may not want to publicise the cost of a gift by handing over a receipt to at least hang on to it — just in case any after-sales problems arise.

Wherefore art thou Roneo?

I'VE SUCCESSFULLY recieved quite a few of the fanzines advertised in your mag but, after sending away the appropriate money and a stamp for postage, no reply has arrived from the following 'zines — namely Trees And Flowers, Killed In Action *and* Anti-Climax.

In addition, my money and stamp were returned by a landlady when I wrote off to Punksalive, *as she knew of no-one living at that address who might be connected with it!* — Alex Ogg, South Humberside, Editor *Divine Plague*

WE'D ADVISE any potential fanzine editors planning to use the small ad columns to get deadlines together first.

If the motley crew of* Trees And Flowers, Killed In Action *and* Anti-Climax *really do exist, zap a festive issue along to Alex Ogg, c/o Divine Plague, 71 Earlsgate, Winterton, Nr. Scunthorpe, South Humberside DN15 9SS. Alternatively, a refund would be appreciated.

We'll send our fanzine squad to knock on a few doors if the readies aren't forthcoming. Meanwhile, any more reader feedback on 'zines is welcome.

DEEP PURPLE circa 1970 with (left to right) Roger Glover, Ritchie Blackmore, Ian Gillan, Jon Lord and Ian Paice

Smoke across the water

I'VE HEARD there's a Deep Purple fan club somewhere in my country. Can you help? Is there a UK based club? — Marc, Belgium.

SAD NEWS for current and potential British Purple club members. As from this month, the official UK appreciation society, run by merchandisers Concert Publishing in London's Liverpool Road, Islington, is winding up for good 'n' all. The reason? Now the band is no longer together, there simply isn't enough news and information to keep the venture alive and feedback from individual ex-members of the late great band is minimal.

Incoming cheques and postal orders will be automatically returned as they arrive, Concert told* Fair Deal, *and existing members will be proportionally refunded according to how many months newsletters/services you're still owed. Euro fans everywhere could join the Belgian based club, c/o Marc Brans, Deep Purple Fan Club, Ed Robeynslaan, 1, 3290, Diest, Belgium. (Outside Belgium, enclose an international reply coupon when you write.)

Social life

OUR BAND has been trying to find a comprehensive list of college social secretaries and ents officers with a view to contacting them about gigs. Any ideas? — Tom Grey, Swindon

YES, IF you fancy parting with the not inconsiderable sum of £15.00. The somewhat expensive* NUS Yearbook/Diary, *currently valid until July 1983, includes a full list of student union addresses and telephone numbers, although identities of individual social secretaries are not revealed. Cheques (don't all rush at once) c/o Mike Alcock, Endsleigh Insurance, Endsleigh House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham Spa, Glos GL50 3NR (payable to Endsleigh Insurance Services Ltd). Using directory enquiries would be cheaper.

Anyone organising an event, putting on a gig, or managing a small band could find the 1983 version of the* NUS Ents Yearbook *extremely useful. Listing lighting, truck and PA hire firms throughout the UK, as well as poster printers and T-shirt companies and much much more, the guide costs £4.95, inc postage from 'That's Entee Tainment', Cabin V, 25 Horsell Road, London N5 1XL (cheques/PO's to That's Entee Tainment).

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